1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Other theft	—	—	—	04	02	02
Other IPC	08	06	14	20	19	29
Arms Act	01	01	01	—	—	—
Excise Act	04	04	05	02	02	02
TOTAL	57	30	47	72	45	56
GRAND TOTAL		134			173	

Encroachment of land in Kaziranga National Park

1853. SHRI KUMAR DEEPAK DAS: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a huge encroachment of land in the Kaziranga National Park;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken for removal of the encroachments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) As reported by the State, there are no encroachments within the National Park.

(b) and (c) Question does not arise.

Climate Change - projection and plans

1854. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA:
SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the findings of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, 4th Assessment Report published in 2007;

(b) whether climate change projections indicate increased risk of more intense, frequent and longer lasting heat waves, summer dryness and greater risk of drought, as well as floods;

(c) the salient features of the National Action Plan on Climate Change released on the 30 June 2008; and

(d) the follow-up action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) The Fourth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental

Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) published in 2007 provides assessment of the scientific literature published in the international scientific journals on various aspects of climate change *inter alia* science, impact, adaptation, vulnerability and mitigation. The report indicates increased risk of move intense, more frequent and longer lasting heat waves, summer dryness indicates greater risk of drought and intense precipitation and flooding which are known to cause adverse impacts on human beings.

(c) and (d) The National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC) was released on 30th June, 2008 to outline India's strategy to meet the challenge of Climate Change. The National Action Plan outlines steps that will enable the country to adapt to climate change and enhance the ecological sustainability of India's development path.

The National Action Plan outlines eight Missions in specific areas of Solar Energy, Enhanced Energy Efficiency, Sustainable Habitat, Water, Sustaining the Himalayan Eco-system, Green India, Sustainable Agriculture and Strategic knowledge for Climate Change. Eight National Missions form the core of the National Action Plan, representing multi-pronged, long term and integrated strategies for achieving key goals in the context of climate change.

Setting up of Geological Survey and Research Centre at Darjeeling

†1855. SHRI SAMAN PATHAK: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating to set up Geological Survey and Research Centre at Darjeeling;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government for protection of the species reaching extinction and species which are found in hill areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) According to the Geological Survey of India, there is no proposal to set up any Geological Survey and Research Centre at Darjeeling.

(c) Several measures have been undertaken to conserve the flora and fauna including the endangered species and also those found in hill areas. These measures include the following:

(i) Survey and inventorization of floral and faunal resources are carried out by Botanical Survey of India and Zoological Survey of India. The Forest Survey of India assesses the forest cover to develop an accurate database for planning and monitoring purposes.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.